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SUBJECT: BENIN'S 200 MILE MARITIME CLAIM

DEPARTMENT AWARE THAT BENIN EXTENDED ITS "TERRITORIAL WATERS" TO 200 NAUTICAL MILES (DECREE NO. 76-92, APRIL 2, 1976). EMBASSY REQUESTED TO DETERMINE EXACT MEANING OF "TERRITORIAL WATERS" WITHIN THE ACT. CONTRADICTORY INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED WHICH INDICATES THAT THE CLAIM MAY RELATE ONLY TO RESOURCE JURISDICTION OR SOVEREIGN RIGHTS AND NOT TO FULL SOVEREIGNTY OVER WATERS, AIRSPACE AND RESOURCES.

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